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SUBJECT: REQUEST IMMEDIATE VETTING FOR JAKARTA 142 AND 241

REF: A. JAKARTA 241
     ¶B. JAKARTA 142

Classified By: DCM John A. Heffern, reasons 1.4(b+d).

¶1. (U) This is an action cable. See paragraph 5.

¶2. (C) SUMMARY. Mission requests immediate clearance for
candidates from Indonesian's Military Strategic Intelligence
Agency (BAIS) to begin training on March 11 and 14. BAIS's
role is limited to military intelligence; it has never had a
command relationship with combat troops nor a combat role.
There is no credible evidence implicating BAIS in gross human
rights violations. END SUMMARY.

¶3. Mission requests immediate vetting clearance for the
following BAIS individuals to participate in March training:
Colonel Jamaludin, training to start on March 11 (REF B); and
Commodore Eddy Tjahjo Sisono, training date to start on March
14 (Ref A).

¶4. (C) After researching allegations of historical BAIS
links with KOPASSUS and human rights violations, Mission has
concluded that BAIS has never had a command relationship with
KOPASSUS and has never had a combat role. BAIS's function
is, and always has been, intelligence gathering.

¶5. (C) There is no credible evidence implicating BAIS of
gross human rights violations. The January 11 paper by John
Hasseman, "Domestic Determinants of Security Policy" is not
credible scholarship on the topic. The allegations the
document makes linking BAIS with KOPASSUS are unsubstantiated
and speculative.

¶6. (C) Action Requested: Given our findings and that we
need to inform the candidates that they are cleared for
training by March 9 if we are to proceed, we request
immediate action to clear them.
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